

## IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a computer system converting an ~~an non-streamable~~ installation program usable executable to install a software application on a ~~computer~~ target processing system from a first format ~~[[in]]~~ to a second format, wherein the first format does not permit streaming of the software application, and wherein the second format permits streaming of the software application ~~streamable installation program~~; and

the computer system streaming the converted ~~streamable~~ installation program to ~~[[a]]~~ the target processing system over a network, wherein said streaming ~~causes~~ the converted ~~streamable~~ installation program to configure the target processing system for execution of the software application.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~said streaming includes executing~~ the converted ~~streamable~~ installation program is usable in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information is subsequently ~~us[[ed]]able~~ by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, wherein the one or more dummy files are the same size as the one or more actual files, and wherein each of the one or more dummy files includes an identifier indicative of a respective actual file of the software application ~~said streaming includes causing the target system to be configured for streaming the software application.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 3, further comprising the computer system streaming the software application ~~from a host processing system~~ to the target processing system over the network.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

~~identifying portions of the streamable installation program that need to be downloaded to the target processing system;~~

the computer system transmitting downloading the identified portions of the streamable converted installation program to the target processing system; and, wherein said transmitting causes the target processing system to execute[[ing]] the streamable converted installation program on the target processing system using only said portions of the converted installation program that have been transmitted ~~downloaded but not any portions that have not been~~ downloaded.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the computer system, prior to streaming the streamable converted installation program, packaging the installation program into a form that facilitates streaming of the installation program.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the streamable converted installation program includes a dummy installation image[[,]] and application information, wherein the dummy installation includes one or more dummy files, each of which corresponds to a respective actual file of the software application, and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the software application.

8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a client computer system receiving downloading, to a client over a network, portions of an installation program that are collectively less than the entirety of the installation program, wherein the installation program is executable usable to install, on a client computer system, a software application ~~on a computer system, wherein the software application resid[[es]]ing on a server;~~

~~on the client computer system[[.]]~~ using said ~~received downloaded~~ portions of the installation program, but not any portions of the installation program that have not been received downloaded, to configure the client computer system to execute the software application; including identifying portions of the software application that are to be download to the client; wherein the identified portions are collectively less than the entirety of the software application;

the client computer system causing downloading said identified portions of the software application to be downloaded from the server to the client computer system, ~~wherein the downloading does not include downloading portions of the software application that have not been identified; and~~

the client computer system executing the software application ~~on the client~~ using said portions of the software application that have been downloaded to the client computer system, without using any portions of the software application that have not been downloaded.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the installation program includes a dummy installation image[[.]] and application information, wherein the dummy installation image includes one or more dummy files, each of which corresponds to a respective actual file of the software application and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the software application.

10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

a computer system converting an ~~non-streamable~~ installation program usable to install a software application on a target processing system from a first format to a second format, wherein the first format ~~that~~ is compatible with a standardized installation format and does not permit streaming of the software application, into a streamable installation program and wherein the second format ~~that~~ is compatible with the standardized installation format and permits streaming of the software application, wherein the installation program is executable to install a software application on a computer system; and

the computer system streaming the converted installation program to the target processing system, wherein said streaming [[to]] causes the target processing system to be configured for streaming execution of the software application.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein ~~said streaming includes executing~~ the converted installation program is usable in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information is subsequently used by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the converted installation program includes a dummy installation image[[,]] and application information, wherein the dummy installation image includes one or more dummy files, each of which corresponds to a respective actual file of the software application and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the software application.

14. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
a computer system identifying all of a plurality of files in an installation package;  
~~wherein the installation package is a non-streamable installation package~~ that is executable  
usable to install a software application on a target system, wherein the installation package is in a  
first format that does not permit streaming of the software application;  
the computer system classifying each of the plurality of files according to a file type of  
that file;  
the computer system creating a ~~plurality of~~ dummy file[[s]] for each of at least one or  
more files of the plurality of files, ~~wherein the one or more files have a predetermined file type;~~  
the computer system creating a dummy installation image that includes the created  
~~plurality of~~ dummy files; and  
the computer system creating an ~~streaming~~ installation package from the dummy  
installation image, wherein said ~~streaming created~~ installation package is in a second format that  
permits streaming of the software application and is executable on a target system in a streaming  
mode.
15. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming created  
installation package conforms to an installation standard.
16. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming created  
installation package includes one or more dummy files, each of which corresponds to a  
respective actual file of the software application ~~further includes application information and a~~  
~~database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of~~  
~~the application.~~
17. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming created  
installation package is configured to be streamed to the target system to configure the target  
system for execution of the software application in a streaming mode.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of creating an ~~streaming~~ installation package[[.]] to be streamed to a target system to configure the target system for execution of a software application in a streaming mode, the method comprising:

~~inputting an installation package for use in installing the software application, the installation package being in a form not formatted for streaming, the installation package including a plurality of files, including a set of one or more archive files;~~

a computer system extracting, from an installation package including a plurality of files including a set or more archive files, the set of archive files from the installation package, wherein the installation package is usable to install the software application, and wherein the installation package is in a form not formatted for streaming;

the computer system creating a list of all of the files in the installation package;

the computer system creating a list of streamlets for all of the files in the installation package;

the computer system classifying each of the files in the installation package as belonging to either a first type or a second type, the first type representing all of the files in the installation package which are normally installed on a system for purposes of installing the software application, the second type representing all of the files in the installation package which are not of the first type;

the computer system, for each file of the first type which is not an archive file, creating a dummy file of the same size with a special header and nullifying all of the other files of the first type;

the computer system creating a dummy archive file for any files of the first type which are contained in an archive file;

the computer system creating a dummy installation image including each said dummy file, each said dummy archive file, and each said file of the second type; and

the computer system creating the streaming installation package to include the dummy installation image, application information and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the application into streamlets, and wherein the application information represents only the files of the second type in the dummy installation image.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for converting an non-streamable installation program usable to install a software application on a target processing system from a first format to a second format, wherein the first format that is compatible with a standardized installation format and does not permit streaming of the software application, into a streamable installation program and wherein the second format that is compatible with the standardized installation format and permits streaming of the software application, wherein the non-streamable installation program is executable to install a software application on a target processing system; and

means for streaming the converted installation program to the target processing system, wherein said streaming [[to]] causes the target processing system to be configured to execute the software application.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 22, wherein ~~said means for streaming includes a means for executing~~ the converted installation program is usable in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information is subsequently used by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim ~~[[23]]~~22, wherein the converted installation program includes one or more dummy files, each of which corresponds to a respective actual file of the software application means for streaming causes the target processing system to be configured to execute the software application in a streaming mode.

25. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~non-streamable installation program first and second formats the streamable installation program~~ are compatible with a standardized installation format.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 25, wherein the standardized installation format is an MSI format.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 8, ~~further comprising:~~  
~~prior to downloading the portions of the installation program, converting wherein the~~  
~~installation program into a streamable installation program~~ that is compatible with a standardized installation format.
28. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein the standardized installation format is an MSI format.
29. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the ~~installation package~~  
~~is first and second formats are compatible with in~~ a standardized format.
30. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein the standardized format is an MSI format.
31. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the installation package is in a standardized format.
32. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the standardized format is an MSI format.
33. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the standardized installation format is an MSI format.



34. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

creating an streamable installation program usable to configure a computing device to execute a software application, wherein the installation program has a format that is compatible with a standardized installation format and that is not configured for application streaming permits streaming of a software application, wherein the standardized installation format does not by itself support streaming of the software application, wherein the streamable installation program is executable to configure a computing device to execute a software application in a streaming mode.

35. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the standardized format is an MSI format.